

Add new claims 18-19.

--18. (New) A method for attaching biopolymers to a support comprising the step of binding biopolymers to the support surface derivatized and activated according to claim 12.

19. (New) A method for attaching biopolymers to a support comprising the step of binding biopolymers to the support surface derivatized and activated according to claim 14 or 15.--

**REMARKS**

**The Amendment**

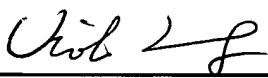
The above amendments correct the improper format of multiple dependent claims.

New claims 18 and 19 are supported by claim 16 as filed.

No new matter is added in any of the amendments. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter all the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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